

Great Basin Coordinating Group Conference Call Notes

Date: 07/17/2017 **Time:** 0900 Mountain / 0800 Pacific

Facilitator: Dennis Terry

Agenda Items:

Predictive Services Update:

Drier air will begin to make its way into the western fringe of the Great Basin on Monday, pushing storm coverage to the south and east. The focus shifts to the potential for gusty winds and low relative humidity across western and north-central Nevada. By Monday afternoon, wind gusts are expected to be in the 25 to 35 mph range, though gusts to 40 mph are possible in areas. It will also be breezy and very dry across Srn ID. This is particularly concerning due to existing fires and recent lightning followed by low relative humidity and gusty winds in an area that has high fuel loading could lead to large fire growth.

Gusty winds are expected again Tuesday across western Nevada, though speeds will diminish somewhat. Highest winds will be along the Sierra Front. As the dry air continues its eastward progression Tuesday, storm activity will be confined to far southeastern Utah and the eastern portion of the Arizona strip.

Models suggest that moisture will surge northward into the far southern end of the Great Basin on Wednesday and continue to march northward through late this coming week, bringing a return of more widespread afternoon thunderstorm activity.

GB Coordinating Center Update:

- Light to Moderate IA
- 26 New fires for 1247 acres
- Large Fire Growth: 50507
- Teams: 2 T1, 1 T2, WY T3 in staging at TWF
- Aircraft: 8 AT; 4 Scoopers; 27 SEATs, 2 LP, 12 T1 Helo, 15 T2 Helo, 26 T3 Helo: 15 available for IA
- 28 Smokejumpers across 4 Bases
- Crews: 18 T1: All committed; 32 T2IA: 1 available; 14 T2: 1 available

NMAC:

- National Crews timing out. Look at using T2IA for T1 and T2 for T2IA.
- Jet load of T2IA into GB on Thursday
- QA and Review Teams: Passed along need for phone call to Coordination Centers and Coordinating Group Chair
- Ken will be in SLC for GB MAC Meeting on Thursday

GB MAC:

- Trying to get more support for Davis Fire. Nasty cell over the area, 9 fires, jumped some, and growing into each other. T3 IMT from Water Tower will take over.
- Missouri Incident, PAF: Roide mobilized. In-brief 7/18, 1000 in McCall
- Rohrer: Off Draw/Bravo 17. Closeout Tuesday. Discuss at end of call.

Basil

Gina Dingman

Jeff Arnberger

Dennis Terry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aviation: Mike Reid: ASAT update: Draft delegation and Daily Format sent to Jessica. Size of team is small, Agency SMEs, no pilot inspector. In-brief 7/19. Start in Reno and work back across GB eight days later. | | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GBCG Operations Specialist | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State of Idaho | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> USFS R4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FWS | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Name | Agency Update | Notes |
| Sue Stewart | USFS Region 4: Missouri, PAF: Big, unburned patch, half in Wilderness. 600 acres, mixed conifer. Communities of Big Creek and Yellow Pine. Point protection, modified intervention. | |
| James | BIA Western Region: Nothing to Report | |
| Jessica Wade | Utah BLM: Davis and a couple of others – South of Dugway. Will burn together. 1000 acres. T3 Team from Water Tower. Hwy 99 closed powerlines, Dugway power source. | |
| Steve Shaw | Nevada BLM: Progress on large fires. Concerned with winds. MM155 – Mines closed. Attended Chadwick’s closeouts –positive | |
| Chris Sorensen | Idaho BLM: Uneventful weekend. No large fires. Involved in NR Team Fires on BLM land | |
| Rance Marquez | Arizona BLM: Nothing to Report | |
| Brett Ostler | State of Utah: Keeping an eye on fires in Toole. Will use Black Hawks on these fires. | |
| JT Wensman | State of Idaho: Southern Idaho looking good. NR in PL4. Resources getting tight. 7 crews from NW Compact to Powerline and Corral Creek fires. | |
| | State of Nevada: No Report | |
| Tracy | FWS: Nothing to Report | |
| Steve Sorensen | NPS Intermountain Region: Nothing to Report | |
| | NPS Pacific West: No to | |
| Priorities from last night and IC Call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long Valley Mile Marker 155 Four Seasons Complex Davis Missouri Water Tower Bravo 17 Roosters Comb Brianhead | | |
| GBCG supports the priority list | | |

Other Issues:

- Rohrer IMT: Closeout 7/18. Propose pre-positioning in Reno on MAC Support order. If Bird, gets a fire, have Rohrer in reserve. Chadwick up on Friday.
- Jessica: Good business to keep Rohrer in Reno for a couple of days. Talk later about possible extending.
- Sue: Votes to send team home and reset. Too early in the season to start extending teams.
- Steve Shaw: Agrees with Sue. With the logistics of moving teams and having T3 IMT in TWF as filler
- Chris Simonsen: Agrees with Sue and Steve
- Dennis: with T3 in TWF, Rohrer will be release after closeout

Date and Time of Next Call: 7/18 @ 0900 MT / 0800 PT